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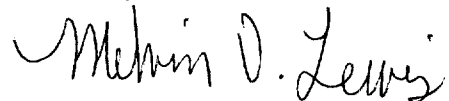
Dear Sir or Madam:

I am extremely displeased with the prospect of purchasing food items that have been irradiated without notice to consumers like myself. I believe it is the right of the buying public to know how food has been treated, especially if that product has been irradiated. Proper labeling is critical and any food product that has been irradiated should be labeled and clearly state "this product has been irradiated" or "treated with radiation".

The symbol for irradiated food (radura) must be posted clearly on packaged foods and posted in plain view where non-packaged irradiated foods are sold. Food irradiation is an issue of the public's right to know what they are consuming. Therefore, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) must continue require food treated with radiation to be properly labeled.

This letters is in response to Docket #98N-1038 "Irradiation in the Production Processing and Handling of Food."

Sincerely Yours

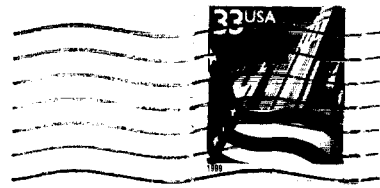


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